

SPLOST Committee Meeting 8-20-2019

Meeting called to order 7:15

Shawn Jones has resigned as secretary.

Suzanne Frick made a motion to adopt the agenda along with adding an item #2 to elect a new secretary. Kerry Williams seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Dave Marcus moved that Suzanne Frick be elected secretary. Darrell Taylor seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

The roll was called. Attendees were Dave Marcus, Michelle Emanuel, Darrell Taylor, Erika Dixon, Lemuel Hawkins, Kerry Williams, Suzanne Frick, and Plez Joyner. George Turner arrived at 7:37.

The minutes from the last meeting were unanimously approved without correction. Agenda was approved.

The meeting was opened to public comments. None were offered.

Plez Joyner presented a report on the SPLOST budget, projects and spending. (See attached and it is posted on the city web site).

There were no other motions. Following is a summary of the extensive discussion.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45.

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION SPLOST CITIZENS ADVISORY MEETING
8/20/2019

Informal summary of discussions not resulting in motions.

SPLOST COMMITTEE: The secretary keeps the minutes and sends them to the city clerk. The function of the SPLOST Citizens Advisory committee is to make recommendations designed to ensure SPLOST funds are spent equitably and to review related processes. The committee makes their recommendations to city council. The committee members introduced themselves and indicated their district.

BUDGET: Plez Joyner updated the overall SPLOST Program budget, including the Phase 1 SPLOST financial report and the 2019 LMIG/SPLOST street resurfacing project finalization. Phase 1 was done on time and under budget (about \$150,000-\$200,000). In the Phase 2 2019 Project update, 3 streets will be resurfaced, and 1 street will have full depth reclamation. Mr. Joyner also reviewed the money spent and the money committed.

Turner Hill needs additional striping and raised pavement markers. The grooves are due to a machine problem and will be repaired with phase 2 at no charge to the city. Concern was expressed about the bump on Hayden Quarry. When a street is raised from full depth reclamation, grading is often needed to level the side streets. Guidelines indicate the new pavement should extend 50 feet onto the side streets. Plez Joyner will ride and check. There is a crack where Turner Hill Road and Mall Parkway meet.

PAVING PLAN: The plan over time is to catch up on paving the roads. The Stonecrest area is 20 years behind in paving so we need to put a maintenance plan in place to avoid being in this position again. Is there a time projection? Not at this time. Any formal complaint on the inspection contract? No.

PHASE 1: Not all the money in the Phase 1 project was LMIG money. The city matched and exceeded the LMIG money. Instead of being called the LMIG project, it should be called the LMIG & city SPLOST funds Project. Mr. Joyner will look at changing the label. The city spends the LMIG money first, so the SPLOST budgeted money can be used for the next project.

PANOLA ROAD: D. Marcus the \$20 million for Panola Road GDOT project is not listed. Dekalb wants to shift the financial burden to Stonecrest for what will end up an estimated \$30M project. City staff is meeting with GDOT to discuss options. A \$10M match of funds is needed. Is the city of Tucker assessed in ways similar to how Dekalb is trying to assess Stonecrest? Panola is not a road widening. It is adding a left turn lane from Thompson Mill to Brown's Mill road. Once Stonecrest was established Dekalb said it would not do the roads, yet the city is not getting the millage. Should Stonecrest take over roads, so we get the revenue? The process of getting IGA's signed is time consuming and complicated. Council needs to decide if it is willing to spend \$20M before it spends the \$2M for the study needed for Panola Road. The estimate of \$30m is old and the cost of construction will be more. George Turner questioned who has the money now? It needs to come to this road. In actuality, Dekalb does not allocate the money before the project is given the go ahead, so the money is not "set aside". Discussion ensued on the difference between money planned and money allocated. If the city walks away from the project what happens to the engineering and design done to date. Dekalb has indicated that if Stonecrest walks away it expects Stonecrest to

reimburse them for the over \$600,00 already spent. Does Stonecrest get the plans? Kerry Williams indicated no engineer uses another engineering firms' plan, because of potential liability. "If I am the engineer of record, I want to be the engineer that designed it".

BRIDGES: GDOT is planning to redo the I20 and I285 intersection with a flyover. GDOT is redoing bridges on the Miller, Panola, Fairington and the Turner Hill road. Evans Mill bridge needs lights. The city has the opportunity to add and pay for decorative lighting.

GDOT I20: GDOT is giving the city quarterly updates. What about an additional toll lane? GDOT discussed a temporary zipper lane, but, decided against it. An additional lane on each side is being discussed for BRT (bus rapid transit) lanes if needed. The bridges on I20 to Lithonia Industrial are already wide. The bridges to Turner Hill need to be widened to make space for future BRT lanes.

SALEM & EVANS MILL: The completed ICE study of the Salem & Evans Mill intersection recommends 3 solutions. A traffic circle in order to slow traffic was the highest rated solution. There was discussion of this solution, with concern about the primary safety issue of visibility. A circle does not solve that. Kerry Williams and Lemuel Hawkins suggested the more appropriate solution is to straighten and regrade for safety and improved visibility, along with traffic lights. Some in the committee liked a round-about and some did not.

CTP: Also, the Comprehensive Transportation Plan is being done now, and upon completion of the plan this intersection may or may not be the highest priority. Estimated completion is 10-12 months from August 2019.

LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE: Concern was also expressed that a round-about landscaping sprinkler system would be needed for it to stay

beautiful. For example, Publix put in about 20 cypress trees and now as many as 12 are dead. If we add in sprinkler systems, is that cost part of the roads or beautification? Dead landscaping looks worse than leaving an area wild. Designs for sprinklers in the medians and the interior of roundabouts should be included in the cost. GDOT will not put in landscaping, but will put in pavers, eliminating the watering and maintenance issues. Keep Dekalb Beautiful put in the landscaping for the traffic circle at Klondike and Rockland and ½ is dead. Drought tolerant plants and design would be a better way to go.

SIDEWALKS: Dekalb and GDOT are planning to put in sidewalks from Salem Road to Panola Road and the school. Stonecrest is coordinating the road resurfacing with this project. These sidewalks will stop 500 feet short of a planned roundabout at Salem & Brown's Mill. City resident Maria Colson suggested sidewalks on Chupp Road. City resident Bill Bruckner suggested projects discussed separately can often be done in a more cost-effective manner if done together (i.e. both road and sidewalk done in same area at the same time).

PRIORITIES: Plez Joyner suggested the SPLOST committee should discuss priorities. This was his request not the council's. With the Stantec road analysis completed, about \$6-\$7 million per year for the next 4-5 years needs to be spent on road resurfacing, reclamation and repair. It is part of the job of the company producing the CTP (comprehensive transportation plan) to identify other sources of revenue. The City can't rely completely on SPLOST money. Some information is unknown at this time including: the cost to take over Arabia Mountain, whether laying fiber optic cable is coming out of SPLOST dollars, new trails, what CTP will identify as priorities, signage, and cameras.

ACCOUNTABILITY: George Turner asked who is responsible for monitoring that SPLOST money is spent according to the 85%

transportation/15% capital improvements referendum requirements. Bates & Carter finance company is advising the city staff. Who audits performance, is it the State or Department of Revenue? Plez Joyner will research. Clearly the priority needs to be to pave more roads.

2020 PLAN: It was suggested the committee start planning for the 2020 paving season and look at possible concurrent projects.

WATER INFRASTRUCTURE: The cost of infrastructure improvements for sewage and drainage may be cost prohibitive for some areas and developers. Dekalb is responsible for sewage. Stonecrest may need to proactively improve infrastructure to spur Stonecrest economic development. Lithonia Industrial Boulevard may need to be utility ready (sewer, fiber, electrical, etc.) to attract business.

PUBLIC INPUT: Mr. Turner suggested the creation of a 2nd SPLOST committee that solicits public input (perhaps town halls), not just this committee whose members were picked for their professional backgrounds and expertise.

JULY 2019 FINANCIAL REPORT



City of Stonecrest SPLOST Financial Report (July 2019)

Total SPLOST Receipts	\$9,253,664
Total Interest	\$20,424
Total Withdrawals	\$1,583,856
Balance	\$7,690,233
Average Monthly SPLOST Receipt	\$616,818

Actual SPLOST Expenses:

Date	Recipient	Project	Amount
4/30	Stell, Smith & Mattison	Evans Mill Rd & Salem Rd Purchase	\$348,486
6/18	Blount Construction	2019 LMIG Street Resurfacing	\$571,583
6/18	Southeastern Engineering Inc	2019 LMIG Street Resurfacing (CEI Services)	\$18,720
6/18	Quicket Solutions	Professional Services (City Hall Systems)	\$18,750
6/18	Stantec	Digital Laser Pavement Mgmt Analysis	\$47,650
6/18	United Consulting	Pavement Evaluation Study (Turner Hill Rd)	\$6,589
6/28	Xpressive Signs	2019 LMIG Street Resurfacing (Temporary Signage)	\$384
7/19	Blount Construction	2019 LMIG Street Resurfacing	\$544,196
7/19	Southeastern Engineering, Inc	2019 LMIG Street Resurfacing (CEI Services)	\$18,720
7/19	Jacobs/CH2M Hill	2019 LMIG Street Resurfacing (Project Mgmt)	\$10,065
TOTAL			\$1,583,856

Planned SPLOST Expenses:

Date	Recipient	Project	Amount
08/2019	Blount Construction	2019 LMIG Street Resurfacing	\$437,227
08/2019	Southeastern Engineering Inc	2019 LMIG Street Resurfacing (CEI Services)	\$18,720
08/2019	Jacobs/CH2M Hill	2019 LMIG Street Resurfacing (Project Mgmt)	\$5,000
09/2019	Quicket Solutions	Professional Services (City Hall Systems)	\$6,250
11/2019	Blount Construction	2019 Phase 2 Street Resurfacing	\$2,200,000
11/2019	Southeastern Engineering Inc	2019 Phase 2 Street Resurfacing	\$50,000
TOTAL			2,717,197

FY 2019 LMIG Stonecrest Resurfacing Schedule

Order	Week of (tentative)	STREET	Stonecrest District	DeKalb Rating
1	13-May	BROWNS MILL LAKE CT	5	33
2	13-May	LEVERETT DR	5	34
3	13-May	LOST DUTCHMAN DR	4	33
		SOUTH PORTSMOUTH CIR		
1	20-May		4	33
2	20-May	RADFORD LN	4	33
3	20-May	ROBERTSON PATH	4	33
4	20-May	HUNTERS PACE CIR	4	33
1	27-May	WINSLOW CROSSING	3	33
		HUNTERS CROSSING FORD		
2	27-May		3	33
1	3-Jun	PALM TREE DR	3	33
2	3-Jun	ABERDEEN WAY	3	33
1	10-Jun	ROCK PORT LN	5	33
2	10-Jun	SHERWOOD TRACE	3	33
3	10-Jun	SHIREWICK DR	2	32
4	10-Jun	PENN CIR	2	33
		WEST MORGANS BLUFF CT		
1	17-Jun		1	34
2	17-Jun	PHILLIPS PL	1	33
3	17-Jun	HILLANDALE DR	5	33
1	24-Jun	TURNER HILL RD	1	30

Legend	
	IN PROGRESS
	COMPLETED

2019 LMIG Resurfacing Project is on-track, on-time, and under-budget
 (\$1.725 million billed vs. \$2.05 million contracted – as of 7/31/2019)

2019 Phase 2 Stonecrest Resurfacing Project

FY 2019 Phase 2 Stonecrest Resurfacing Schedule							
Order	Week of (tentative)	STREET	FROM	TO	Stonecrest District	Length (ft)	Area (sq yd)
1	26-Aug	ROCKLAND RD	Evans Mill Road	Klondike Road	5	4,398	10,204
1	2-Sep	SALEM RD	Panola Road	Evans Mill Road	4	10,240	36,000
1	9-Sep	SALEM RD	Panola Road	Evans Mill Road	4	10,240	36,000
1	16-Sep	SALEM RD	Panola Road	Evans Mill Road	4	10,240	36,000
2	16-Sep	THOMPSON MILL RD	City Limits	Panola Rd	2/3	7,664	29,500
1	23-Sep	THOMPSON MILL RD	City Limits	Panola Rd	2/3	7,664	29,500
2	23-Sep	SALEM RD	Browns Mill Rd	Panola Rd	4	1,920	5,475
1	30-Sep	SALEM RD	Browns Mill Rd	Panola Rd	4	1,920	5,475

	Mill & Overlay
	Full Depth Reclamation

- Planned completion before November 1, 2019
- Mitigating factor: GDOT/DeKalb County Sidewalk Project on Salem Road

SPLOST BUDGET Discussion

SPLOST Budget (2017 DeKalb County Referendum)

Projects for the City of Stonecrest	Estimated SPLOST Funding
Resurfacing/Street Paving (20.9%)	\$10,000,000
Comprehensive Transportation Improvement & Design (TID) Plan (1.05%)	\$500,000
Transportation Improvements (37.8%)	\$18,039,000
Parks & Recreation (10.5%)	\$5,000,000
Bicycle & Pedestrian (Multi-modal) Improvements (6.8%)	\$3,240,000
Capital Improvements (15.0%)	\$7,161,000
SPLOST Construction & Program Management Cost (8.0%)	\$3,820,000
6 Year SPLOST TOTAL (estimate)	\$47,760,000

SPLOST Budget (REVISED by SPLOST COA)

Projects for the City of Stonecrest	Estimated SPLOST Funding
Resurfacing/Street Paving	_____%
Transportation Improvements	_____%
Parks & Recreation	_____%
Bicycle & Pedestrian (Multi-modal) Improvements	_____%
Capital Improvements (15% of revised total)	\$6,660,000
Transportation Master Plan (TMP) (0.40%)	\$178,000
6 Year SPLOST TOTAL (revised as of 7/31/2019)	\$44,400,000